

A TRUE  
 A C C O U N T  
 OF THE  
 Behaviour, Confession,  
 AND  
 EXECUTION  
 OF  
 William Charley and Ann Scot,

Who Received Sentence of Death on the 27th. of August last, at JUSTICE-HALL in the OLD-BAYLT, and were Executed at

# TYBURN

On Friday the 4th. of this Instant September 1685.

As also a Brief Account of the Seven other persons, who received Sentence of Death with them, but before Execution found mercy in a Gracious Reprieve, viz. John Thompson, Thomas Draper, Thomas Glanister, Cathrine Bancer, Cassandra Widdows, Ellenor Steel, and Elizabeth Hacker.

**S**TILL it appears, notwithstanding persuasions of wicked persons, whom the many precedent Examples Satan has laid as snares in their way to Justice has made of Offenders, undo them, as will more evidently appear in the following Relation, in that divers are besotted to that degree, pear in the following Relation, in or deluded by the wiles and Temptations of the Enemy of mankind; that regardless of their Safety, Lives, or Reputations, they will rashly run themselves to Ruin and Disgrace, neither fear of Shame nor Severity being of force sufficient to keep them within the bounds of Honesty and civil Behaviour.

William Charley, Tryed the precedent Sessions, holden at Justice-Hall in the Old-Bayly upon an Indictment of Felony and Burglary, Committed on and in the Ware House of one Mr. William Loveday, Scituate in the Parish of St. Michaels London: It appeared that Cloath had been stolen thence to

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the value 120*l.* and that upon search, his Master, or at least had the opportunity of taking it, he being at that *Ally in Seven street*; and upon further time a Porter to a Drapers Shop, inquirie it was proved to be brought which Cloath he disposed of at a small thither by *Charley* and others, as like- value, but the Theft being found wife other percels of Cloath, that had out and proved against him; He was been carried out and disposed of, and he about Four Years since burnt in the having been formerly burnt in the hand, Hand for that Felony, and Cashired no person appearing to give testimony from his Service, after which, raim- on his behal, he was found Guilty ; bring up and down he fell in Love with when upon his Conviction he became a Servant Maid, and to mannage Gen. exceeding sad, imagining as he since tilely his Courtship (being destitute confessed no mercy would be allowed of any Lawful Employ, whereby he him, since he had refused to take warn- could support himself as he desired,) he ing by his former punishment. The said he betook himself to unlawful day following, being the 27<sup>th</sup>. of *August* courses stealing (as opportunity gave last, he with Eight other Offenders re- leave) Goods at sundry times from di- ceived Sentence of Death, and was re- vers persons, spending the small value turned to *Negate* in order to prepare he had sold them at (being for the most himself for another World, his offences part under hand) upon the Woman he having render'd him incapable of a so earnestly desired ; being asked how much longer conuinuance in this ; he found himself as to another State, where (upon his first arrival) he betook he replied, he was very sensible of his himself to his Devotion, imploring the Latter End, desiring nothing more God of mercys, to have mercy upon his than that he might live long enough to Soul ; and that in compassion thereto, make his peace with God, whom he he would be pleased to give him a heart had offended in so high a Nature, and to repent : After these and such like ex- whole Mercys and opportunities of pressions, he proceeded to declare he Grace he had slighted and rejected, for had been a great sinner, tho' but a young which he was heartily sorry, hoping man not exceeding 25. Years of Age : that it was not too late to repent him. Being asked what his former business of the *Evil of his ways*, desiring such as was, and how he spent his time before he fell to such unlawful courles ; he came to visit him, that they would in Christian Charity pray for him, that said he was born of honest Parents in *Co- ventry*, who used their faithful endeavours to qualifie him by learning and what else was convenient for busness that might render him credible, and en- able him to live in the World ; and that any specious pretence whatsoever, to as soon as he was of Years capable for Employment, put him Apprentice to *London*, and furnished him with all-con- venient necessaries ; but he, after he had a while faithfully served the said *Mr. Hix*, finding opportunity to ramble a- broad forted himself with bad. Compa- ny, which by degrees drew him to neg- lect his busness and in the end to steal, Extravagance : Being asked what was his first Fact in that Nature, he replied, especially to avoid evil company, for stea'ing a considerable quantity of *Blew* Cloath which he was intrusted with by

Root of wickedness, shame & disgrace.

To those that came to visit Employment to follow unlawful him he was very respectful, giving Courses, as well Debauchery, and great attention to such advice as Prostitution, as plfering and many other Matters treading to De- was given him, relating to a pre- paration for Death, and so con- tinued very sensible and penitent during his being in Newgate. height of Wickedness in which

*Ann' cot*, Convicted the same she was overtaken: She said a- Sessions with the former, and re- ceiving Sentence of Death, upon for a Cravat valued at 3 s. 6 d. Evidence that she had Felonious- which was stole, but there being ly taken a Flower'd Mantua- no other Evidence than that she Gown, a Sattin-Petticoat and o- had paun'd it upon the account of ther Goods, out of the House of another, she was acquitted, yet was *James Mirmion*, Scituate in the not so wise as to lay that narrow Parish of St. Dunstans in the West, escape to her Heart, nor to take up, and not being capable of saying and rest her self satisfied therewith, any thing material for her self; wherefore what had since befallen she upon her return to Newgate her, she said was just, and there- became sad as the former, being fore if she must dye she would frequently observed to wring her bear it patiently, tho' it happened Hands and Sigh, saying, she was untimely; she not being above the unhappiest Woman alive with- 34. Years of Age, yet the great- ing she had never been Born, ra- est part of that time she had mis- ther than to have fallen into so employed in sinning against her ma- unhappy a Condition: As for the ker; few known sins that she was place of her Birth, she said it was capable of Acting, Murther ex- in the County of Down in Ireland cepted, she having been a stranger being brought up there to work to her, yet she hoped God would, divers curions Works with the not lay them to her Charge in her Needle, but leaving her Parents, last extremity, but out of the mul- and coming over upon a slight oc- titude of his Mercys, accept her casion, the chiefest Motive being imperfect Repentance, being ask- to see this Country, and she alter ed whether she found her self dis- a while brought to some necessity posed to imbrace the penalty of beroak her self to Imbrodering, the Law, pnnishing with Death and found a considerable Employ- such has had offended in the like ment, living as a single Woman, Nature as she had done, her reply in *White's Alley* in *Chancery Lane*, was, that if she might live she ho- working there very hard, but that ped she should employ her time sort of business failing, she fell in- for the future to a better advan- to loose and idle Company, who rage, but if not, God's Will be encouraged her in Leudael's, and done; and so continued in often altogether took her off from her Prayer to her self, seeming very

attentive to good and who'esome the Parish of St. Andrews Holborn advice relating to her immortal on the 2d. of August last, and steal-well-fare, expressing her desire to ing 3 Stuff-Coats, value 12 s. 2 be instructed therein, as much as pair of Breeches value 5 s. and o- Conveniency and Opportunity ther Goods of value.

would permit, and in that State of *Elizabeth Hacker*, for stealing a Penitence during the Respit in Chamblet Cloak value 6 l. out of Newgate she was very diligent. the Chamber of one *Alexander*

Seven other Persons lay like- *Hulston* of the Parish of St. An- wise under the same Condemna- *drews Holbourn*, on the 27th. of tion, as *Catharine Baucer*, *Ciffan*- July.

*dra Widdows*, for being concerned with *Ann Scot*, in Robbing Mr. *Marmion*. But these, in hopes of their amendment and being reclaimed, found the Royal Mercy & Prince.

*Thomas Draper*, for stealing a ly Compassion in a Gracious Re-  
Gelding, valued at 6 l. from one prieve for a longer Life, having *William Watson*, of the Parish of before expressed their Sorrowful St. Sepulchres, on the 14th of Au-  
gust last. which they had brought them-

*John Thompson*, for breaking selves, by breaking the known the House of *Thomas Temple* of the Laws, and forfeiting their Lives Parish of St. Michaels Wood-street to Justice.

on the 21th. of August last, and On Friday the 4th. of August, stealing thence 7. Napkins value *William Charley* and *Ann Scot*, were 4 s. 2 Handkerchiefs value 1 s. put in a Cart, and conveyed to and other Linnen. Tyburn, the place of Execution

*Thomas Glanister*, for breaking where they were Executed as the open the House of *John Clark*, in Law in such Cates requires.

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